



## 9.0 RAWHIDE SUBDIVISION



### 9.1 Area Description

Number of Points: 7

Number of Structures: 4

BLM Ownership: 240 acres

The area is a mixture of cottonwood gallery forest along the river, sagebrush, grass, and prickly pear. A maze of irrigation canals spreads across the flood plain. Subdivision development has occurred to the south where there are at least 3 subdivisions. The Rawhide Habitat Management Unit borders the east. The North Platte River borders the north and the Fort Laramie Canal is to the south. The flood plain appears to have been used for alfalfa production in the past. Cottonwoods have encroached within the last 20 to 30 years. A power substation is located in the southwest corner of the unit.

The flood plain along the river is mostly tall grass and cottonwoods that have a higher fuel load of flashy fuels and shrubs. A fast burning fire of high intensity could get started



in late summer. However, irrigation canals, roads, and the river offer adequate fuel breaks.

## 9.2 Management Recommendations

1. *Grazing.* Use short term, high intensity grazing to reduce grass cover and fine fuel load.
2. *Homeowner Education.* Educate the adjacent landowners to create defensible space around their structures.
3. *Thinning.* Thin the elm stands around the structures to break up fuel continuity.

## 9.3 Rawhide Subdivision Hazard Assessment Rating

| <u>Total Rating Score</u> | <u>Hazard Level</u> | <u>Amount (%)</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1-14                      | Low                 | 0                 |
| 15-21                     | Moderate            | 100               |
| 21-28                     | High                | 0                 |
| 29-35                     | Extreme             | 0                 |